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**ONE ARIZONA EDUCATOR TO BE SURPRISED WITH A MILKEN FAMILY
FOUNDATION \$25,000 AWARD – SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE AND MILKEN
REPRESENTATIVE TO PRESENT AWARD TO UNSUSPECTING TEACHER**

PHOENIX (Thursday, December 8, 2005) -- Arizona School Superintendent Tom Horne on Friday, December 9, 2005 at Desert Ridge High School in Mesa will present a \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation award to one unsuspecting Arizona teacher.

“I have participated in the Milken Family Foundation award ceremony before, and there is nothing like watching a surprise recipient receive a \$25,000 check,” said Horne.

The largest teacher recognition program in the U.S., the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards was established in 1985 to reward, retain and attract outstanding K-12 educators to the profession. Since that time, the foundation has given over \$54 million in awards, celebrating the achievements of more than 2,100 educators from throughout the country.

**WHO: SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE AND MILKEN FAMILY
FOUNDATION TO PRESENT \$25,000 TO UNSUSPECTING
TEACHER**

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2005

TIME: 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.

**WHERE: DESERT RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL (GILBERT UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT)
10045 EAST MADERO AVENUE (CRIMSON AND US60)
MESA, ARIZONA 85212**

Note: Please help us maintain secrecy, as surprise is one of the key elements of this story. The recipient will not know he/she is being honored until the name is revealed before an all-school assembly of students, faculty, local education and state officials.

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